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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Continuing Application of)
K. M. Slimak and Robert A. Slimak)
Prior Application Serial No. 08/818,195)
Filed: March 14, 1997)

For: **Process of Using Sodium Silicate to Create Fire Retardant Products**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF CONTINUING APPLICATION

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

August 10, 2001

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the original application as follows:

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To page 1, line 2, "_____" has been deleted in favor of - 60/013,452 --

To page 1, line 4, "_____" has been deleted in favor of - 60/040,709 --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please insert new claims as follows:

1. A process of imparting fire retardant properties to a combustible material comprising depositing a coating of a silicon oxide ranging from a monomolecular layer to a micron thin layer on the material.

2. The process of claim 1 where sufficient depositing is effected so as to impart waterproofing properties to the material.

3. The product produced by the process of claim 1.

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